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1. YUGOSLAV DRAFT CBMS RESOLUTION PASSED TO POLADS BY UK
DELEGATION (REFTEL A) DOES INDEED BEAR CLOSE RESEMBLANCE,
PARTICULARLY IN ITS VERY GENERAL FORMULATIONS, TO EARLIER
SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION (REFTEL B). EXCEPT AS INDICATED
BELOW, MISSION MAY USE GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFTEL C
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CONCERNING SWEDISH DRAFT DURING AUGUST 23 POLADS
DISCUSSION.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT
CBMS RESOLUTION (REFTEL A):

A. PARAGRAPH FOUR, NINTH TICK:SEE DISCUSSION IN PARAGRAPH

2 B OF REFTEL C. "AND CUMULATIVELY INVOLVE MORE THAN 25,000 TROOPS" COULD BE ADDED AT END OF THIS TICK.

B. PARAGRAPH FOUR, TENTH TICK: WE CONTINUE TO BE OPPOSED TO THE NOTIFICATION OF SEA (OR AIR) MANEUVERS. THERE WOULD BE A MAJOR IMBALANCE, IN FAVOR OF THE WARSAW

PACT, IN THE NUMBER OF NOTIFICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THE US. FURTHER, SINCE THEY LACK FIXED BASES OR GARRISONS, NAVAL MANEUVERS ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DEFINE AND COULD EVEN BE HELD TO INCLUDE LAUNCHING OF AIRCRAFT FROM CARRIERS. FINALLY, THE REPORTING OF SUCH MANEUVERS WOULD PROBABLY DEMAND A MAJOR ALLIED ACCOUNTING UNDERTAKING.

C. PARAGRAPH FOUR, TICK 17: ALTHOUGH RELATED TO THE POSSIBLE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL ON AVOIDING TENSION BUILDING ACTIVITIES, (PARA 36(7) OF ISD/149 (REVISED), YUGOSLAV LANGUAGE IS ILL DEFINED AND MUCH TOO VAGUE TO BE USEFUL. CAVEATS PERTAINING TO AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL ALSO APPLY HERE.

D. PARAGRAPH FOUR, TICKS 18-20: WE CONTINUE TO PREFER THAT CBM DISCUSSION BE COMPLETED WITHIN TIMESPAN OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE ITSELF.

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